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## GW WEB SITE HONORED BY EDUCAUSE AS "SITE OF THE WEEK"

### **Education Association Selects [www.gwu.edu](http://www.gwu.edu) for Visual Appeal and Ease of Use**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University main Web site ([www.gwu.edu](http://www.gwu.edu)) has been selected "Site of the Week" by EDUCAUSE for the week beginning Monday, April 28, 2003. The distinction comes as GW continues work on its three-phase evolution to make the site a gateway for information and services at the University.

"This is quite an honor for GW," said David Swartz, chief information officer at GW. "At Information Systems and Services (ISS) we strive to provide the highest level of technology services to the GW community and an honor like this validates our efforts. We should also acknowledge the contributions of Student Services staff and of the Web Advisory Committee members in the development of images and content for the new site."

In July of 2002, GW launched a Web initiative to improve online services for both internal and external constituents. As part of the ongoing University-wide strategic development process, planners sought to create a more "service-centric" approach to dissemination of information online. Transforming GW's Web presence required a three-phased approach. Phase I centered around a new look and feel for the main GW Web site. Phase II, due for completion this summer, will establish main page and second page content in a service-centric model that is better organized and easier to navigate. Phase III, which is slated for completion next year, will create the framework that will allow the University to achieve the ultimate goal of an integrated and strategic Web presence. Online services will also be expanded during this phase. The project team for this effort includes members of ISS Administrative Applications and Student and Academic Support Services Communication and Technology departments.

"EDUCAUSE attempt[s] to showcase sites that are well designed, visually appealing and easy to use," said Joan Couse, member programs associate with EDUCAUSE. "We acknowledge the breadth of our members by making selections that reflect a 'best effort' when viewed within the context of the likely resources available to their institution."

EDUCAUSE is an international, nonprofit association whose mission is to help shape and enable transformational change in higher education through the introduction, use and management of information resources and technologies in teaching, learning, scholarship, research and institutional management.

Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of 20,000 undergraduates, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 130 countries.

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**GW'S DIMOCK GALLERY PRESENTS *CUATRO*,  
A MASTER OF FINE ARTS THESIS SHOW**  
**MAY 7 – 23**

**EVENT:** “Cuatro,” an exhibition of selected thesis works from four Master of Fine Arts (MFA) candidates **Joseph Jones, Frederick Markham, Akiko Nishijima and David Woodin**, presented by The George Washington University Dimock Gallery.

**WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: Wednesday, May 7, through Friday, May 23, 2003  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Friday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Dimock Gallery, Lisner Auditorium – Lower level  
730 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public.

**BACKGROUND:**

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.” The words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., from his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in 1964 serve as inspiration to MFA thesis candidate and designer **Joseph Jones**. As a designer, Jones creates artwork to raise awareness of problems that are damaging and affecting the emotional nerve system of society. His graphic designs are collages of emotion, of people who have seen “life.” He asks his viewers to take a journey through reality and see with the “eyes of life.”

**Frederick Markham**’s images are mysterious, striking a chord that resonates within the artist. In the artist’s words, “I have gotten into pipes. I am interested in the mystery of them, what’s inside them, what they move, what they are transferring from one thing to another. I have taken this metaphor and used it in such a way that I am now making large paintings of factory or industrial-like imagery.”

Ceramic mosaics by **Akiko Nishijima** capture the essence of human emotion. Larger than life, these depictions of the human face emit a “tonal scream.” To paraphrase the artist, the broken shards of the ceramics are like the shards of people’s lives. Pain, suffering, anger and humanity are all collected into one piece to form a whole, but in essence the pieces are always broken, like the hearts and lives of people who have lived through devastating catastrophes such as war.

For artist **David Woodin**, clay is a plastic, living material. His artwork is created to be used, and he equates viewer with user. By displaying his dinnerware sets as functional items, Woodin conveys the human touch in both the creation of the works and the manner in which they are employed.

**For more information, call GW's University Art Galleries at (202) 994-1525.**  
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**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR  
TO KEYNOTE GW LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT  
MAY 25**

**WASHINGTON** – Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court will deliver the keynote address for The George Washington University Law School's 136th Commencement Ceremony. The event will take place May 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd Street, NW.

"We are honored to have Justice O'Connor join us for our commencement ceremony," said Dean Michael K. Young. "Justice O'Connor is one of the most prominent members of the Supreme Court and a significant historical figure in her own right. For more than two decades, Justice O'Connor has been influential in shaping the modern Supreme Court and served as a role model for all Americans."

Sandra Day O'Connor was born on March 26, 1930, in El Paso, Texas. She received her B.A. and LL.B. from Stanford University before serving as deputy county attorney of San Mateo County, California from 1952 to 1953. O'Connor later served as a civilian attorney for Quartermaster Market Center in Frankfurt, Germany from 1954 through 1957. She returned to the United States to practice law in Maryvale, Ariz., before serving as the state's assistant attorney general for four years in 1965. In 1969, O'Connor was appointed to the Arizona State Senate where she was subsequently reelected for two consecutive terms.

In 1975, O'Connor was elected judge of the Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County before her appointment to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1979. On August 19, 1981, O'Connor became the first woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court after President Ronald Reagan nominated her as an associate justice filling the seat vacated by Justice Potter Stewart. O'Connor began her service to the court on September 25, 1981.

O'Connor joins an elite list of legal and political luminaries who have addressed GW Law School graduates including Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist, The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, retired U.S. Supreme Court associate justice, and former Attorney General Janet Reno. For more information on commencement please visit: [www.law.gwu.edu/commencement/03.asp](http://www.law.gwu.edu/commencement/03.asp).

**Media interested in covering the GW Law School Commencement should contact Paul Fucito at (202) 994-0616 or Matthew Nehmer at (202) 994-6467.**

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**GW PROFESSOR HOPE M. HARRISON NAMED GEORGE H.W. BUSH FELLOW  
AT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY IN BERLIN**

**WASHINGTON** – Hope M. Harrison, assistant professor of history and international affairs at The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, has been named a George H.W. Bush Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin for the spring semester of 2004. Harrison's areas of expertise include the international history of the Cold War, German and Russian foreign policy, and the U.S. foreign and security policymaking process.

Founded after the Cold War by Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the American Academy's mission is to maintain strong U.S.-German ties in the new world order. The prominent place of the American Academy in Berlin's intellectual life ensures that the work of its fellows is in the public spotlight.

"It is such an honor to receive this fellowship, and I really look forward to being in Berlin to conduct my research and to have a chance to do my part to promote greater understanding in U.S.-German relations," said Harrison upon receiving news of her award.

While in Berlin, Harrison will be conducting research for a book project entitled, *Making History: The Efforts of the United Germany to Come to Terms with East Germany's Communist Past*. Harrison will also give talks on her book regarding the Berlin Wall, which will be published by Princeton University Press in September 2003 and is entitled, *Driving the Soviets Up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961*.

Harrison will join the sixth class of fellows in Berlin. The 2003-2004 class will inaugurate the new George H.W. Bush Fellowship at the American Academy in honor of the important role President Bush played in the process of German unification. Harrison will hold that fellowship from January through May 2004.

Harrison received her bachelor's degree from Harvard University (cum laude, social studies) and obtained her master's and doctorate degrees from Columbia University. She taught at Brandeis University and Lafayette College, where she was an assistant professor. Before coming to GW, Harrison held research fellowships at the Norwegian Nobel Institute, the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Davis Center at Harvard University and the Free University of Berlin. She was the director for European and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council from 2000-2001 and co-founder of the GW Cold War Group.

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**LEADING EXPERTS DISCUSS U.S. CIVILIAN AND MILITARY SECURITY  
RESPONSIBILITIES AT GW ELLIOTT SCHOOL/ANSER INSTITUTE EVENT  
MAY 9**

**EVENT:** "Consequence Management: Civilian and Military Responsibilities," is the fourth and final event in a seminar series on homeland security issues. This half-day seminar will focus on issues surrounding crisis response at the federal, state and local levels, and will include the role of civilian agencies and the Department of Defense.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 9, 2003  
Panel discussions from 8:45 a.m. to noon

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
The Elliott School of International Affairs  
1957 E Street, NW, Room 602  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** This event is free and open to the public.

**AGENDA:**

Panel One: Civilian Responsibilities  
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Kathryn Newcomer**, chair and professor, Department of Public Administration,  
The George Washington University  
**Major General Bruce Lawlor**, chief of staff, Department of Homeland Security  
**L.Z. Johnson**, director, Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Ala., Department of Homeland Security

Panel Two: What is the Domestic Military Role  
10:30 a.m. – noon

**Colonel William Wise**, USAF (ret.) - president, The Sorrento Group; adjunct professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University  
**Colonel Larry Porter**, National Guard liaison officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of National Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security  
**Major General Greg Gardner**, The Adjutant General of Kansas

**BACKGROUND:**

The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs has teamed with the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security to sponsor this series of one-day seminars focused on the challenges faced by America's homeland security policy and the new Department of Homeland Security. This is the last in the four-part series. Other related events are being planned for later this year.

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**SHELL INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT MARY JO JACOBI TO SPEAK AT  
GW'S MANAGEMENT SCHOOL CELEBRATION  
MAY 17**

**WASHINGTON** – Mary Jo Jacobi (MBA '76), vice president of external affairs for Shell International Limited, will address the graduates of The George Washington University's School of Business and Public Management at its school celebration on Saturday, May 17.

"We are delighted to have Mary Jo Jacobi at this year's school celebration," said Susan M. Phillips, dean of GW's School of Business and Public Management. "Mary Jo has been successful in both the public and private sectors, holding senior management positions in the White House, the Department of Commerce, Lehman Brothers and other firms. At HSBC Holdings, she developed and implemented one of the largest global corporate re-branding strategies in history. She has also served as a senior advisor to U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush," Phillips said. "We are so very pleased to welcome successful alumni back to campus to speak at this event."

Alumni speakers at past year's school celebrations have included Henry "Ric" Duques (BBA '65, MBA '69), the former chairman and CEO of First Data Corporation; Admiral (Ret.) William Owens (MSAdmin '76), co-CEO and vice chairman of Teledesic, LLC; and Raymond J. Oglethorpe (MSAdmin '69), the former president of America Online.

The school's graduates will also take part in GW's commencement ceremony on the Ellipse, Sunday, May 18.

GW's School of Business and Public Management, located in Washington, D.C., prepares students for professional management careers. The depth and variety of its academic and professional programs, including five specialized master's programs, provides rich opportunities for students in the school's core bachelor of business administration, master of business administration and doctoral programs. GW's undergraduate program in business has been ranked among the top 50 for three consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report*, and GW's undergraduate- and graduate-level international business programs rank among the best.

**The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Smith Center (600 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW). For more information, contact Robert Moll at (202) 994-2492 or (202) 994-8638 (cell). For more news about GW, visit the GW News Center at [www.gwnewscenter.org](http://www.gwnewscenter.org).**



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**GW LAW SCHOOL IMMIGRATION CLINIC CELEBRATES NEW VICTORIES**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University Law School's Immigration Clinic won two major victories in April 2003 – securing asylum for a young woman from the Democratic Republic of Congo and a waiver of deportation for a disabled police officer's wife.

On April 28, 2003, the GW Law School Immigration Clinic represented a 27-year-old woman from the Democratic Republic of Congo in her removal proceedings before the Immigration Judge in Arlington, VA. Sara Mostafavi was the student attorney on the case. Under the supervision of Michelle Morales, interim director of the Immigration Clinic and a visiting professor of clinical law, Mostafavi prepared the entire case and represented the client at her hearing. In a lengthy decision the immigration judge granted asylum to the client based on a well-founded fear of future persecution.

The client and her family were persecuted in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where they were often mistaken for ethnic Tutsis. They were arrested and accused of being rebel sympathizers and traitors for safeguarding the belongings of an ethnic Tutsi neighbor. The Democratic Republic of Congo has been ravaged by ethnic warfare for many years. The client's two adult brothers, one sister and her widowed mother had all won asylum in the United States, while her four younger siblings gained asylum as derivatives on their mother's application. The client was the only family member who did not have asylum. "This family has suffered so much," said Morales. "They deserve the opportunity to overcome their hardships in a country where they are free from fear."

On April 3, 2003, GW law student Andrea Barbarin secured a waiver of deportation for her client from Scotland in a hearing before Judge Wayne R. Iskra of the Arlington Immigration Court. The client, whose husband and two daughters are all U.S. citizens, had been a lawful permanent resident for more than 11 years and faced deportation as a result of a non-violent drug offense.

"A compelling aspect of the client's case was that her husband had been awaiting a kidney transplant for six years," said Morales. "If she was deported, he would have no one to support him through his illness and he would lose his place on the kidney donation list."

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With the supervision of Morales, Barbarin helped her client apply for relief under 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows judges to balance the applicant's crimes against their equities.

In addition to compiling documentation in support of her client's application, Barbarin prepared her client and witnesses by holding a mock hearing where fellow clinical students played the roles of judge, opposing counsel and representing counsel.

Judge Iskra granted the waiver of deportation without hearing closing arguments or statements from the four other witnesses due to Barbarin's documentation and convincing arguments.

GW's Immigration Clinic has provided legal representation to aliens in the D.C. metropolitan area since 1979. All of the programs in GW's Community Legal Clinics share a common goal – to provide members of the community with critically needed legal services while giving motivated law students the opportunity to experience the practical application of law and to develop skills as negotiators, advocates and litigators within an exciting and supportive educational environment.

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**PIONEERING AFRICAN AMERICAN JOURNALIST DOROTHY GILLIAM RECEIVES SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIP AT GW'S SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**WASHINGTON** – Dorothy Butler Gilliam, a pioneering African American journalist, joins The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) as the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Fellow for 2003-2004 beginning in September. Gilliam, a former *Washington Post* columnist and past president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), will lecture and help the school develop a program for minority outreach.

“Dorothy is an accomplished and respected journalist. Even better, she possesses a true vision for cultivating the next generation of minority journalists,” said SMPA Acting Director Albert L. May. “We are excited to have her join our faculty as a Shapiro Fellow.”

At the *Post*, Gilliam directs the Young Journalists Development Program, an expression of her concern for the state of scholastic journalism today. “High school newspapers are in danger all over America — 40 percent have no newspapers at all, or woefully inadequate ones,” said Gilliam.

The problem is acute in schools with large concentrations of minority groups. At GW, she will shape a summer institute for training high school journalism advisers in minority communities. “These advisers will help minority youth produce newspapers in their high schools and attract the best and brightest to professional careers,” said Gilliam.

Gilliam began her career as a reporter for *The Memphis Tri-State Defender* and was an associate editor for *Jet Magazine*. Arriving at *The Washington Post* in 1961, she held a number of jobs, culminating in her Metro section column focusing on education, politics and race.

Among her honors are induction into the NABJ Hall of Fame in 1992 and the University of Missouri Honor Medal in Journalism. She also is author of *Paul Robeson, All American*, published in 1976.

Gilliam graduated from Lincoln University and earned her master’s degree at the Columbia University School of Journalism. She was a fellow at the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University and the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The Shapiro Fellowship program, funded by the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Charitable Trust, brings to SMPA respected professionals who can advise and encourage students to think about media and public affairs.

The School of Media and Public Affairs, with 18 full-time faculty and more than 425 students, teaches how ideas and information are communicated through the media. The school combines liberal arts education with professional skills, promoting a combination of theory and practice.

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## **NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERT WILLIAM M. WISE APPOINTED ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT GW'S ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University has announced the appointment of William M. Wise as adjunct professor of the practice of international affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs. Previously, Wise served as a professional lecturer at the Elliott School since 1990 and has taught graduate courses on Asian Regional Security and Civil-Military Relations. He also holds an appointment as professorial lecturer in political science in GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, where he teaches graduate courses on intelligence and policy and the politics of homeland security.

Wise's career in national security affairs spans more than 30 years. He served most recently as deputy national security advisor to the vice president (1992-1997). Prior to his White House service, he was chief of policy at the United States Pacific Command headquarters in Honolulu and deputy director for policy planning for the East Asia and Pacific region in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He retired from the United States Air Force as a colonel.

Wise currently is president of the Sorrento Group, an international consulting firm located in Reston, Va. He served as an advisor to the Hart-Rudman Commission, the National Committee on Terrorism, and the Deutch Commission on combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He is a graduate of Amherst College and holds a master's degree from the University of Hawaii.

The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University is one of America's leading professional schools of international affairs. The world-renowned faculty provide students, the policy community and the public with in-depth analysis of international economic, political and scientific issues and the historical and cultural factors shaping them.

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**CACI EXECUTIVE RECEIVES “CEO OF THE YEAR” AWARD  
FROM GW’S EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

**Dr. Jack P. London, GW Alumnus, Honored for Creating Growth and Promoting Integrity as CEO**

**ASHBURN, VA** – Dr. Jack P. London, CEO and chairman of the board of CACI International, Inc. and GW alumnus, has received the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) award for “CEO of the Year.” The award was presented to London during a class visit with EMBA students at GW’s Virginia Campus on April 18.

“We picked Dr. London for this award because, without a doubt, he is one of the most successful leaders in the Washington, D.C., region,” said Robert Dyer, director of the EMBA program. “Under Dr. London’s leadership, CACI has witnessed remarkable growth, from a small \$3 million professional service organization to a \$681 million company today, with a target of a billion by 2005. CACI and Jack London are synonymous with integrity.”

London met with first- and second-year GW EMBA students and gave an hour presentation on “Leadership and Accountability” as part of the EMBA Speaker Series. He provided many examples of a CEO’s role, citing integrity as a crucial component. “As CEO, you are fully accountable,” London said. “You are the captain of the corporate ship, and though you may be an expert navigator, there are always hidden shoals and unexpected storms. It’s up to you to safely guide the ship.”

London has received several other awards including the GW Alumni of the Year award (1987), KPMG Peat Marwick High Tech Entrepreneur Award (1995) and GW Alumni Achievement Award (1996). He is very involved with the business community, participating on several boards such as the Senior Advisory Board for the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Advisory Council for the GW School of Business and Public Management, Board of Advisors at Marymount University and the Board of the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. and received an M.S. in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. London earned a doctoral degree (1971) from the GW School of Business and Public Management.

In today’s highly competitive business environment, The George Washington University EMBA program provides a competitive advantage to experienced managers and professionals. Participants earn the MBA in 21 months, while continuing to serve their organizations. Class sessions are held on alternating Fridays and Saturdays and in three week-long residencies and a two-week international residency.

Conveniently located in the Northern Virginia technology corridor near Dulles International Airport, GW’s Virginia Campus is the University’s research and technology campus. The 90-acre campus is a robust cluster of executive education and technology programs and world-class research initiatives in transportation safety and security, information technology and telecommunications. Since opening in August 1991, the campus has experienced a tenfold increase in its student base and has grown annual research funding from \$50,000 to more than \$7 million.

**For information about the EMBA program, visit [www.emba.org](http://www.emba.org).**

**For information on GW’s Virginia Campus, visit [www.gvwirginia.gwu.edu](http://www.gvwirginia.gwu.edu).**

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## GW RECEIVES \$410,000 GRANT FROM HYUNDAI-KIA FOR SAFETY RESEARCH LAB

### Research to Focus on Child Safety Seat Performance and Automotive Safety

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University announced today the receipt of a \$410,000 grant from Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Motor Corporation to establish the Hyundai-Kia Automotive Safety Research Laboratory (ASRL). The funding, which is the first installment of a multi-year grant, was awarded to the Federal Highway Administration/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (FHWA/NHTSA) National Crash Analysis Center (NCAC) at GW's Virginia Campus.

“The mission of the Hyundai-Kia ASRL is to conduct research in automotive safety to advance crashworthiness and biomechanics engineering for the benefit of the entire safety community, with emphasis on problems of particular interest to Hyundai-Kia research and development (R&D),” said Nabih E. Bedewi, GW professor of engineering and applied science and director of the NCAC. “The ASRL will grow to become the focal point of Hyundai-Kia’s safety research in the United States, both interacting with the company’s various American engineering organizations, and overseeing and managing research conducted by other institutions and universities in the United States for Hyundai-Kia’s Korean R&D division.”

Frank Shin of Hyundai Motor Company’s Washington office said, “Hyundai Motor Company is committed to automotive safety and is proud to partner with The George Washington University to support a research laboratory that will benefit the entire safety community.”

“The first two years of research will address the investigation of child safety seat performance during vehicle impacts using finite element analysis, and investigation of real world car crashes in the U.S.,” said George Bahouth, senior research scientist at the NCAC and manager of the ASRL.

“We are very proud that Hyundai-Kia selected the NCAC for this long-term partnership,” said Timothy Tong, dean of GW’s School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). “This award is yet another testament to the outstanding contributions GW has made to the field of automobile safety.”

GW also will be directing resources from the Hyundai Scholarship Fund to support three doctoral students who will be involved in the research. While the general motoring public will be the primary benefactor of the research, the grant also will provide a foundation for numerous masters and doctoral degrees at GW.

Hyundai and Kia both achieved record U.S. sales in 2002 and both anticipate this momentum will continue in 2003. Last year their combined share of the U.S. market reached 3.6 percent, surpassing Mitsubishi, Volkswagen and Mazda.

The NCAC is a world-renowned research center devoted to the advancement of automotive safety. As a part of the civil and environmental engineering department within SEAS, the NCAC also produces top-notch graduate students in transportation safety engineering.

**For more information on the NCAC, visit [www.ncac.gwu.edu](http://www.ncac.gwu.edu).**

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**LEADING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND ALUMNUS, DAVID NADLER,  
SPEAKS TO GW ELLIOTT SCHOOL GRADUATES**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs announced that GW alumnus David A. Nadler will serve as this year's celebration speaker. Nadler is chairman of Mercer Delta Consulting, LLC, a management consulting firm that works with CEOs and senior executives of major corporations on the design and leadership of large-scale organizational change.

“Developing cross-cultural leadership skills are central to a successful career in international affairs,” said Elliott School Dean Harry Harding. Elliott School students are required to take skills-based courses that prepare them for a wide range of worldwide positions. “With more and more organizations operating across international borders, Nadler’s field of expertise is extremely relevant to the practice of international affairs.”

Nadler is well known for his research and writing on organizational change, feedback, group performance, management, quality improvement and organization design. He consults at the CEO level, specializing in the areas of large-scale organization change, executive leadership, organization design and senior team development.

Harding mentioned that Nadler’s renown as a management specialist is no surprise to the GW community. His parents, Leonard and Zeace Nadler, are widely recognized for their work in adult education and human resource development. Leonard Nadler, a professor at GW’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development for 23 years, started a graduate program in adult education that began to move schools of education beyond their focus on the classroom and school system.

Prior to his work at Mercer Delta, Nadler was an associate professor at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Business. He holds a B.A. in international affairs from the Elliott School, an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School and an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Academy of Management, was elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association and is a member of the board of Mercer, Inc.

He has written numerous articles and book chapters, and has authored and/or edited 14 books including *Organizational Architecture*; *Prophets in the Dark: How Xerox Reinvented Itself and Drove Back the Japanese*; *Competing By Design*; *Executive Teams*; and *Champions of Change*. He also serves as vice president of the board of Prep for Prep, a program for education of gifted minority children, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the New York City Ballet.

**The Elliott School Celebration will take place at the Charles E. Smith Center,  
600 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE, on Friday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m.**

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**GW TO HOST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LOW-COST  
WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES**

**MAY 30-JUNE 2**

**EVENT:** The George Washington University hosts an international workshop on low-cost water treatment technologies, including site visits in the greater Washington, D.C., area and instruction from professional engineers (P.E.) and renowned experts in water treatment. Workshop instructors are **Subijoy Dutta**, visiting scholar at GW's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), **William Roper**, professor and chairman of GW's CEE, and **John R. "Jack" Sheaffer**, founder and chairman of Sheaffer International.

**AGENDA:** Friday, May 30, 2003, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Welcome, introduction and workshop overview - William Roper, Ph.D., P.E.
- Fundamentals of water chemistry and treatment - Subijoy Dutta, P.E.
- Working lunch/discussion
- Low-cost and biological treatment technologies - Dutta and John R. Sheaffer, Ph.D.
- Group discussion/exercise - Participants
- Water security and wrap-up - Dutta, Roper and Sheaffer

Saturday, May 31, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

- Site/Field Visits
  - Waste water (WW) treatment plants, Loudoun County (LCSA)
  - Timberville, VA - visit to Sheaffer System Installation
  - Discussion on site/field visit at the Sheaffer site

Monday, June 2, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Visit Arlington County WW treatment plant – Roper and Dutta (10:00 a.m.-Noon)
- Written and oral reports - Participants (1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- Wrap-up, certificate presentation (4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

**WHERE:** The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**COST:** General public - \$390; Students - \$100 (limited availability). For details please e-mail [subijoy@gwu.edu](mailto:subijoy@gwu.edu) or [wroper@gwu.edu](mailto:wroper@gwu.edu), or call (202) 994-0613. To register, e-mail to [subijoy@gwu.edu](mailto:subijoy@gwu.edu) with your name/address/phone and a registration form will be e-mailed to you.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Subijoy Dutta** is a registered P.E. and visiting scholar at GW's CEE. In March 2002, Tata McGraw Hill Company released Dutta's new book, *Environmental Treatment Technologies for Hazardous and Medical Wastes: Remedial Scope and Efficacy*. Dutta has been involved with low-cost wastewater treatment system design and installation for the past 16 years, including proposing various biological treatment systems for the Yamuna River (India) clean-up effort. **William Roper** is professor and chairman at GW's CEE, in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Prior to this position he was a senior executive in the federal service in charge of the Corps of Engineers Civil Works R&D Program. He also has worked at the National Institute of Standards and Technology as a guest researcher, serving as the director of a new Information Technology and Knowledge Management Initiative. **John R. "Jack" Sheaffer**, founder and chairman of Sheaffer International, is regarded by many as the world's foremost authority on the reclamation and reuse of wastewater.

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**GW LAW SCHOOL DEAN MICHAEL K. YOUNG APPOINTED TO TRADE AND  
ENVIRONMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Committee to Provide Information and Advice on U.S. Trade Policy and Negotiation**

**WASHINGTON** - Dean Michael K. Young has been appointed to the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Commission to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

“I am delighted to serve on this committee,” said Young. “While trade expansion and economic growth can benefit the environment enormously, it is crucial to develop trade agreements that are sensitive to this concern and consciously advance this agenda.”

The U.S. Congress established the private sector advisory committee system in 1974 to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Congress expanded and enhanced the role of this system in three subsequent trade acts.

The advisory committees provide information and advice with respect to U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into trade agreements, on the operation of any trade agreement once entered into, and on other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of U.S. trade policy.

Young is an acknowledged expert on trade law. His most recent book on the subject, *United States Trade Law and Policy*, was published in 2001. He joined the Law School in the summer of 1998. He currently serves as vice chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, having served as chair from July 2001 to July 2002. He is a member of the Committee on International Judicial Relations of the Judicial Conference of the United States, as well as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Young was recently appointed to the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary Commission by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

During the administration of President George Bush, Young served as ambassador for trade and environmental affairs, deputy under secretary for economic and agricultural affairs and deputy legal adviser to the U.S. Department of State. In 1996, he served as counsel to the Select Subcommittee on Transfers of Iranian Arms to Bosnian Muslims of the U.S. House of Representatives. Young has published extensively, including articles and books on the Japanese legal system, dispute resolution, mergers and acquisitions, labor relations, the legal profession, comparative law, industrial policy, international trade law, legal reform in Eastern Europe, NAFTA, GATT, international environmental law and international human rights and freedom of religion.

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## GW PROFESSOR NAMED CARNEGIE SCHOLAR

### Political Science Professor Sarah Binder will Research Federal Judicial Selection

**WASHINGTON** – The Carnegie Corporation of New York has named Sarah Binder, associate professor of political science at The George Washington University, a Carnegie Scholar for 2003. She will be conducting research centered on the politics of federal judicial selection.

Binder is one of 13 emerging and recognized scholars at American universities and research institutions chosen as a Carnegie Scholar. The selection process was highly competitive with each scholar receiving up to \$100,000 over the next two years to pursue research that expands the intellectual margins of the Carnegie Corporation's program areas.

“Sarah Binder’s selection as a Carnegie Scholar is an exciting and well-deserved honor that recognizes the quality of scholarship and creativity that she brings to her work,” said Don Lehman, executive vice president for academic affairs.

Binder’s research will assess the ways in which institutions, elections and party politics combine to shape the selection and confirmation of judicial nominees. Her research will involve data collection on the timing of nominations and confirmation and archival work on the creation of Senate practices that empower senators during the process of judicial selection. She also will create statistical models charting the duration of nomination and confirmation politics, as well as the timing of changes in relevant practices.

“As the Carnegie Scholars program approaches its fourth year, the announcement of the new class of Carnegie Scholars underscores the importance of the role the creative intellectual plays in a democratic society,” said Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York. “The support for research and scholarship has been a fundamental theme of the corporation’s work over the years and the scholars program each year helps men and women of vision to examine some of the most significant and critical questions facing the world today.”

A member of GW’s faculty since 1999, Binder also is a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution. Her research focuses on Congress, congressional development and political parties. Her published books include *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock* (Brookings, 2003); *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partnership and the Development of Congress* (Cambridge, 1997); and co-author of *Politics or Principle? Filibustering in the United States* (Brookings, 1997).

Carnegie Corporation of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote “the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.” As a grantmaking foundation, the corporation seeks to carry out Carnegie’s vision of philanthropy, which he said should aim “to do real and permanent good in the world.”

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**GW FACULTY MEMBER WINS WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
PRIZE FOR TOURISM RESEARCH**

**Professor Donald E. Hawkins will be Honored with Ulysses Prize  
at Ceremony in Madrid, Spain**

**WASHINGTON** – Donald E. Hawkins, Eisenhower Professor of Tourism Policy at The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management, will receive the first World Trade Organization (WTO) Ulysses Prize for individual accomplishment in research and dissemination of knowledge in the area of tourism policy and management.

The WTO created the award to recognize and highlight the professional achievement of outstanding individuals and institutions in contributing to innovation and knowledge creation in tourism. The prize is being awarded to Hawkins for “his scientific contribution to the theory and practice of tourism policy,” according to the WTO.

The 2003 WTO Ulysses Prize will be awarded by the former head of government of Spain, H.E. Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, in a June 3 ceremony at the University Antonio de Nebrija campus in Madrid. Hawkins will deliver the WTO Ulysses Prize Lecture on June 5 to Madrid’s Chamber of Commerce.

As author/editor of some 100 publications on contemporary aspects of tourism policy and strategy, Hawkins has made substantial intellectual contributions to tourism since the early 1970s. Hawkins facilitates active collaboration between the tourism industry and international institutions such as the United Nations, The World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the WTO.

In 1974, GW became the first university to offer a master’s degree in tourism administration. The Master of Tourism Administration (MTA) degree is an internationally oriented program focused on the professional and research aspects of the tourism and hospitality field. It offers concentrations ranging from event management to travel marketing to sports management. The distance format of GW’s MTA program has been named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best online programs in business.

GW’s School of Business and Public Management prepares students for professional management careers. The depth and variety of its academic and professional programs, including five specialized master’s programs, provides rich opportunities for students in the school’s core Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration and doctoral programs.

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## SIX PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOWS NAMED FROM GW CLASS OF 2003

### Graduates Receive Significant Financial Support Towards a Master's Degree While Working in an Administrative Position with GW

**WASHINGTON** – Six recent graduates from The George Washington University's Class of 2003 were named Presidential Administrative Fellows (PAF) by the University. The two-year fellowship is designed so that classroom education, professional experiences and interactions with staff and administrators complement each other to provide each PAF with a beneficial learning experience in leadership and administration.

The following students join three other fellows who are in their second year of the program:

**Lindsey Davidson** was born and raised in Southern California. A basketball scholarship brought her to Washington, D.C., where she participated on the GW women's basketball team for four years. She graduated from the School of Business and Public Management with a double concentration in human resources management and small business management and a minor in sociology. Davidson served as secretary and later president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, which seeks to bring athletics closer to the GW community. Davidson looks forward to continuing her education at GW by pursuing a graduate degree in the School of Business and Public Management.

**Jeremiah Davis** hails from Bella Vista, Ark., and will be bringing some of his Ozark passion for the outdoors to GW's campus this fall by working with the GW Trails outdoor recreation program. Having completed a B.A. in English, he will pursue a master's degree in public health before applying to medical schools. Ultimately, Davis would like to work as an emergency room physician and take an active role in developing beneficial health policies in America and around the world.

**Pascale Doumit** comes to GW from Arlington, Va. Doumit graduated from the School of Engineering and Applied Science with a B.S. in electrical engineering. She is planning to pursue her master's degree in electrical engineering in the field of communications. As an undergraduate, Doumit presided over three engineering student groups: the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Society of Women Engineers and Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society. She also has served as a camp counselor at Kidsave International, an organization that brings orphans from Russia and Eastern Europe to a summer camp where they are hosted by families seeking adoption. Doumit is exploring a possible site placement at the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

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**Brett Kaplan** received a bachelor's degree in electronic media and political science with a minor in history. Kaplan, from Rockland County, N.Y., is the current general manager of WRGW, GW's student radio station. Through his efforts at WRGW, Kaplan has broadcast the GW men's and women's basketball games for the past four years. Also, last summer Kaplan helped negotiate broadcasts for the Double A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, the Bowie Baysox. He also helped form GW's Club Baseball team. Kaplan is still deciding what graduate school is the best fit for him and looks forward to the next two years as a Presidential Administrative Fellow.

**Tom Shannon** was born and raised in Huntington, N.Y. Shannon graduated with a B.S. with special honors in biology and is an inductee of Phi Beta Kappa. He will be completing a master's degree in public health with a concentration in epidemiology and then hopes to move on to medical school. Shannon is a member of GW's men's crew team and volunteers as a fireman and at the GW Hospital.

**Michael J. Trask** was born in the province of Chalatenango, El Salvador, and moved to Boston when he was four years old. Trask graduated from GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences with a B.A. in history and a minor in sociology. He was an active member in the Organization of Latino American Students and was elected as its first president. Trask also became a Hermano "brother" of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., and served as president of the Chi chapter during his senior year. Trask is especially fond of his time at the Multicultural Student Services Center where he served as program assistant to the Latino outreach coordinator. Trask is looking forward to continuing his education in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, where he plans to obtain an M.A. in higher education administration.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg created the PAF Program in 1989 to offer graduating seniors an opportunity to gain invaluable educational and professional experience. GW provides fellows with tuition and fees for credit hours in a graduate program, as well as stipends and wages, allowing PAFs to obtain a master's degree from GW. In return, fellows work in an administrative position within the University and contribute to the advancement of the GW community through academic, professional and personal involvement.

The chair of the PAF program is responsible for the final selection of the fellows. The chair is assisted by an advisory committee comprised of current fellows, GW administrators and academic community representatives.

The three second-year fellows include Emmanuella Duplessy, Madeline LePage and Alicia O'Neil.

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## **2003 GW GRADUATE, ALISON ALVAREZ, RECEIVES JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDY**

### **Largest Graduate Scholarship Awarded, Worth Up to \$300,000 Over Six Years**

**WASHINGTON** — Alison Alvarez, a 2003 graduate receiving her B.A. in computer science and Japanese from The George Washington University, is among 43 awardees from around the country to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship. The awards are among the most generous individual scholarships in the nation, with recipients receiving up to \$300,000 over six years.

“For many in the Class of 2003, graduate school is only a dream because of costs and other factors,” said Matthew J. Quinn, executive director of the foundation. “But these special young people will benefit from the vision of Mr. Cooke and will not have to put music school, medical school and other graduate programs on the back burner while they search for sources of funding.”

Alvarez believes that speaking Japanese will help her discover a new way to talk to computers. She wants to master Japanese because it is a language that relies heavily on context, and she is interested in a context-based learning mechanism for computers that could learn to respond to questions in an artificial language.

“After taking my first artificial intelligence course, I knew that I had finally found my calling,” said Alvarez.

It might sound like science fiction, but Alvarez has dreamed of artificial intelligence since doctors permanently attached titanium springs and rods to her vertebrae to correct severe scoliosis when she was 17. “After becoming partially artificial myself, I have had a different way of looking at artificial life.” Her goal is to build a computer system capable of interacting with humans on a robust level.

At GW, Alvarez was a teaching assistant for two years and a research assistant for three. In addition, she spent a summer as a research assistant at the University of Kansas where she developed a better version of a diagnostic tool for melanoma that cut false diagnoses by 25 percent.

Alvarez’s accomplishments and awards include a Goldwater Scholarship, a Ford Motor Company Corporate Scholarship and a National Hispanic Scholarship. She was a soup kitchen volunteer and a member of the fencing team.

The 43 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholars were selected from a total of 842 applicants. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of, be attending a college or university in, or plan to attend a graduate school in the greater Washington region (Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia). A group of 12 academic advisors from across the country assisted the foundation in the selection process.

To be selected as a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar, "Individuals had to show not only exceptional academic ability, but also a strong will to succeed and other qualities including demonstrated critical thinking, a love of music or art, and appreciation for literature. Each of these attributes was important to Mr. Cooke," said Quinn.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation began operations in August 2000 and is receiving more than \$500 million in assets and expects to provide approximately \$25 million to support individual scholarship and other educational initiatives on an annual basis.

Jack Kent Cooke, who built a media empire and owned the Los Angeles Lakers and Washington Redskins, died in April 1997.

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**GW'S DIMOCK GALLERY PRESENTS "FINALE,"  
THE LAST IN A SERIES OF MFA THESIS SHOWS  
JUNE 4-13**

**EVENT:** An exhibition of selected thesis work from three Master of Fine Arts (MFA) candidates, **Ira-Azka Fairuza Nasution, Rachel Quirk** and **Carl Williams**, presented by The George Washington University Dimock Gallery.

**WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: June 4 – 13, 2003  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Friday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Dimock Gallery, Lisner Auditorium – Lower Level  
730 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**BACKGROUND:**

"*Finale*," the fourth and final MFA Thesis exhibition features product design by Ira Nasution, computer-generated design by Rachel Quirk and graphic design by Carl Williams.

**Ira Nasution** is promoting "Sumatra Frappuccino," a new coffee brand, through innovative product design. Through visual communication design, her tasteful and exotic images reflect the style of South East Asian (Indonesian) art and culture.

**Rachel Quirk** uses brilliant and intense colors in her 14 computer-generated ink-jet prints. She creates a textural effect that is characteristic of her abstract work. Although created on a computer, the images exude a painterly quality.

**Carl Williams** observes a world that revolves around corporate identity and chose to take a different approach to brand identity: *Creating Brand Identity Through an Integrated Approach for a Children's Product* shows the level of diversity of designers. Williams' research examined the relationship between graphic design and marketing while developing a brand strategy for the introduction of a new toy. His playful simian character may resemble Pokémon, but the problem is to target an audience that may range from 3-year-old sons to 83-year-old grandmothers. It is up to the designer and the marketing team to determine the best approach to reaching the targeted age group.

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**GW DANCE PROFESSOR BRINGS HER WORK  
*DANCE OF THE AURORAS – FIRE IN THE SKY* TO RUSSIA**

**Maida Withers Dance Construction Company to Participate in the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
of the Founding of St. Petersburg and Perform in Arkhangelsk, Russia  
July 10 and 14, 2003**

**WASHINGTON** - Maida Withers Dance Construction Company of Washington, D.C., and international collaborators from Brazil, Norway and Russia will perform *Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky* in historic St. Petersburg's Baltic House State Theatre on July 10, 2003.

"We are honored to have been invited to be part of the OPEN LOOK 5<sup>th</sup> International Dance Festival during the historic celebration of the tercentennial of the city of St. Petersburg," said Withers, professor of dance at The George Washington University and founder and artistic director of Maida Withers Dance Construction Company. "Our performance and workshops will complement activities involving other major international artists and companies sponsored by the city of St. Petersburg."

St. Petersburg was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great. From that time to the present, the city has been the site of the highest achievements of Russian artistic culture. *Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky* also will be performed, and workshops taught in Arkhangelsk in the arctic region of Russia for the TOUCH2 Festival on July 14, 2003.

*Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky* is a large-scale multimedia production conceived and directed by Withers, noted American choreographer, and performed by the Dance Construction Company of Washington, D.C. *Dance of the Auroras* includes a stunning visual installation with virtual animations by Tania Fraga, cyber-world artist from Brazil, images of the Sun and of Earth's auroras from NASA, and photographs and movies of Earth's auroras. Dancers manipulate the cyber-world images in real time using the wireless mouse. Original music has been composed for *Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky* by Øystein Sevåg and performed by the Global House Band with Ole Marius Melhuus, bass guitar; Zotora Nygård, didgeridoo; Elin Ødegård, vocals/keyboards; Maria Sevåg, violin/viola; and Øystein Sevåg, composer, piano and key board.

*Dance of the Auroras* premiered in 2001 at the Nordly's Festival (Northern Lights Festival) in Tromso, Norway, and in the United States at GW's Lisner Auditorium in Washington, D.C. The Kannon Dance Company, a leading modern dance company in St. Petersburg, will join the Dance Construction Company to perform *Part II: Solar Wind of Dance of the Auroras* in St. Petersburg and Arkhangelsk.

The tour in Russia has been made possible by the generous support of The Trust for Mutual Understanding, Dallas Morse Coors Foundation, Arts International Festival Fund for U.S. Artists, a public/private partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts and U.S. Department of State, The Pew Charitable Trusts, The Rockefeller Foundation and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

**For more information about *Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky*, visit [www.maidadance.com](http://www.maidadance.com). Video excerpts of Aurora are available on the main page by selecting "video clips."**

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